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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contends U.S. Intelligence Service Was Twice Caught Asleep at Switch

I WONDER when the Eisenhower administration and Congress are going to do something about the apparent incompetance of the Central Intelligence Agency?

In the last 18 months, the CIA has been caught asleep at the switch on two occasions of massive international importance — the Israeli move into Egypt, and now, the development and launching of the Russian ~~Sputnik~~.

Any reasonable person knows that literally thousands of people were at work in Russia on the satellite project. With so many people involved, it is incredible that our intelligence system could fail to discover the speed and scope of Soviet progress.

The CIA spends hundreds of millions of dollars annually. A more efficient and effective agency is long overdue.

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